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In re Application of:

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SYNTHESIS OF MATTE BEADS  
CONTAINING CARBOXYLIC ACID  
AND THEIR USE IN  
PHOTOGRAPHIC ELEMENTS

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**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action dated September 24, 1999, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Amend claims 1 and 2 as follows:**

1. (Amended.) A process for making polymeric particles comprising:  
polymerizing [an] ethylenically unsaturated monomers as a dispersed phase suspended in an aqueous phase,  
wherein the ethylenically unsaturated monomers comprise at least one monomer A and at least one monomer B, wherein monomer A is <sup>a</sup> ~~an~~ <sup>water-soluble</sup> ethylenically unsaturated monomer containing a carboxylic acid group and monomer B is a water-insoluble ethylenically unsaturated monomer,  
said aqueous phase containing a water-insoluble particulate stabilizer having a size of less than 100 nm and <sup>an</sup> effective amount of water-soluble inorganic salt to allow formation of stable monomer droplets in the aqueous phase, said